Pacific Region Satellite Ground Stations

Satellite Reception & Applications within Pacific Region

Current state and Future Plans

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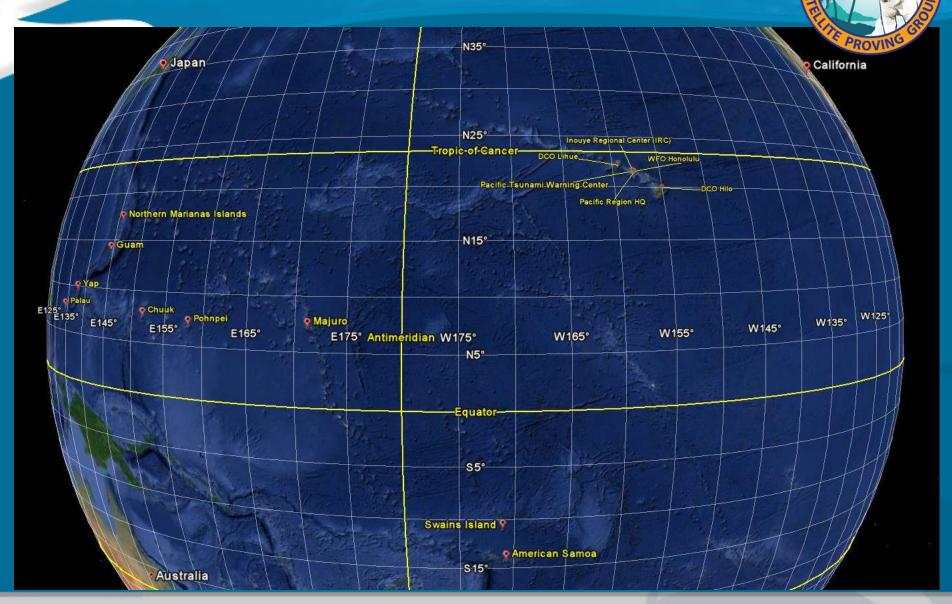
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- NWS Integrated Dissemination Program Ground Readiness Project
- Working with NWS IDP-GRP on the future of satellite reception and capabilities.
- HimawariCast and GOES-R GRB will be installed on the roof of IRC and at NWS Weather Forecast Office (WFO) Guam.
- L/X Band Polar Orbiting receive station will also be installed a top IRC and eventually at WFO Guam.

Pacific Region NWS



Satellite Farm at Pacific Tsunami Warning Center (PTWC)







Satellite Dish	<u>- Diameter</u>
NOAA Weather Wire Service	– 14 feet
OPSnet VSAT	– 4 feet
EMWIN	– 5 feet
MTSAT/SPARE	– 15 feet
GOES	– 12 feet
IRIS VSAT	– 15 feet
NOAAPORT SBN	– 24 feet
HRPT – Polar Tracking	– 5 feet in Radome

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Orbital Systems
2.4 meter X/L band Polar Tracking

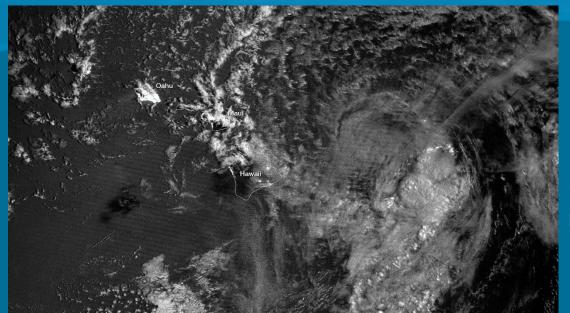
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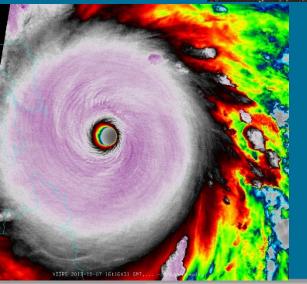
Recent Tropical Cyclones



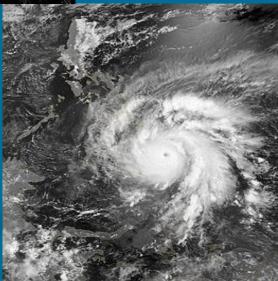
STY Haiyan 11/3-11/2013 Est 1-min wind 195 mph VIIRS



STY Bopha 11/25-12/9, 2013 Est 1-min wind 175 mph MTSAT VIS



Tropical Storm Flossie
July 2013, Reposition
VIIRS DNB





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